

inalienable rights. They demand freedom. They chant: "Libertad." They chant: "Patria y vida." And they converged on the Communist Party headquarters responsible for 60 years of misery, abuse, and torture of the Cuban people.

Cubans have rejected the failed ideology forced upon three generations—the failed ideology of Marxism that has brought suffering to hundreds of millions around the world, the failed ideology that deserves to be sent to the ash heap of history once and for all.

As Communists often do, they concocted a conspiracy theory to explain the people's protests. The Communist dictator Miguel Diaz-Canel even claimed it was a U.S. plot. This is what Marxists do, of course. They lie. They will lie, they will commit violence against their own people, and they will try to suffocate the calls for freedom.

But this movement will not be silenced. It cannot. It mustn't. For too long this once flourishing island has suffered under Communist rule, and now the calls for freedom must be heeded: freedom from oppression, freedom from abuse, and freedom from tyranny. The downfall of this regime has been a long time coming. No more is it patria o muerte—country or death—but as the people across Cuba know, it is patria y vida—country and life.

As Americans—as a people who have inherited the greatest gifts of freedom the world has ever known—we must speak with one voice against the evils of Marxism. We must speak truth, a truth that not enough Americans are used to hearing. Instead, we have American politicians who openly advocate for the very same Marxist ideology that Cubans would die to escape from. This ignorant and foolish flirtation with Marxism must end, and we must make it clear that we will always support freedom-loving people around the world.

Our message will be one of empowerment: empower the brave Cuban people as they begin to throw off the chains of Communism and seek their inalienable, God-given rights of life, liberty, personal property, and the right to pursue their happiness.

So to the men and women of Cuba, I say this:

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

We see you. We hear you. We are with you. Let us no longer shout homeland or death but homeland and life. And begin to build what we dream of. What they destroyed with their hands.

Te vemos. Te oímos. Estamos con ustedes. Ya no gritemos patria o muerte sino patria y vida. Y empezar a construir lo que sonamos. Lo que destruyeron con sus manos.

Madam Speaker, to the Communist regime in Cuba, I say this: Your lies are exposed, your foundations are shaken to the core, and your days are numbered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas will provide a translation of his remarks to the desk.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 50 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we lift up our hearts and call upon Your name. For the promise of Your endless love is better than the ephemeral thread of life we hold on to so dearly. So long as we live, may we praise You.

When we gaze on Your handiwork, we are overwhelmed with Your glory; we are humbled by the span of Your extensive reach.

From Your temple, hear our voice. As we approach You in the sanctuary of Your extraordinary creation, draw near to You in these hallowed halls of freedom and justice, or discover You in the precious intimacy of our time with friends and loved ones, everywhere we are, we find ourselves in Your compassionate presence. Give us faith to see Your involvement in all areas of our lives. And receive us with mercy when we acknowledge our powerlessness without You. Encourage us when our souls are wearied with longing for the peace of mind only You can provide. Strengthen us when our bodies are faint with thirst and yearning for the sureness found in You.

We lift up our hands in prayer and call upon Your name that You would satisfy our needs this day.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

OPEN THE UNITED STATES/ CANADA BORDER

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, for the past 16 months, the United States' border with Canada has been closed to nonessential travel, tearing loved ones apart, preventing people from accessing cottages that they own, devastating businesses and local economies on both sides of the border.

This week, the Canadian Government announced plans to reopen the border to fully vaccinated Americans on August 9. On January 21 of this year, we were promised a plan would be developed by the United States to address travel to Canada within 14 days.

Madam Speaker, 180 days have now passed. We are still waiting for that plan. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention publicly advised that fully vaccinated Americans are free to safely resume all pre-pandemic activity. It is time for the United States to align its border policy with the science, with the facts, and with the data. Action is long overdue. Open the U.S. border to our Canadian neighbors.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 18, NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABOR- TION ACT

(Mr. BOST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, as a father of three and a grandfather of 11, I know what the love of family feels like and how we love our children and when that child takes its first breath.

For over 40 years, the Hyde Amendment has prohibited taxpayer dollars from being used to fund abortion. Both Republicans and Democrats have supported it. However, President Biden's budget plan will remove this vitally important protection. That is why I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act.

This bill will make the Hyde Amendment permanent. Today, tomorrow, and every day, I am proud to stand for life.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL). Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.